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Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, along with volunteers, measuring the girth of tree trunks, for the Tree Audit, at Yadavagiri in the city recently.

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (BS)- The trees that form the lung space of Mysuru have their roots in princely rule that still stand testimony to the farsighted vision of Wadiyars, the erstwhile rulers of Mysuru.

Now, the Wadiyars have taken a lead in conserving the tree species belonging to different genera for posterity.

From Palace to plantation

A comprehensive tree census and green zone assessment project titled *"Mysuru Tree Audit, project 'Nam Mara' 2025-26"* was launched in November 2025, with **Bherunda Foundation** headed by its Chairperson Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, wife of titular head of erstwhile Royal Family of Mysore, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also Mysuru-Kodagu MP, leading from the front.

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Bherunda Foundation has collaborated with the **Centre For Advanced Learning (CFAL),** Mangaluru, which has completed the tree survey in the coastal city.

The target is to complete the survey of trees in all 65 Wards under Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits by March 31, 2026.

(See TREE on page 6)

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VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru Police, please... tackle drug traffic first, vehicular traffic next

Sir,

The frequent reporting of drug-related cases in Mysuru city raises serious concerns about the effectiveness and prioritisation of law enforcement.

While the drug menace appears to be steadily spreading, particularly amongst the youths, the response from the law enforcement authorities seems misaligned with the gravity of the problem.

There is a growing public perception that law enforcement efforts are disproportionately focused on routine traffic violations, such as checking helmetless two-wheeler riders, rather than on the prevention and detection of serious crimes.

Traffic regulation is undoubtedly important and helmet use must be encouraged in the interest of public safety.

However, when such enforcement appears to overshadow action against organised crime and drug trafficking, questions naturally arise about priorities.

It is also disconcerting that while local Police say there is no drug manufacturing in city, on several occasions, agencies from outside the State, including specialised forensic teams, have conducted raids and busted drug manufacturing units in Mysuru!

This creates an unfortunate impression that local enforcement machinery is either overstretched or insufficiently empowered to tackle the growing drug problem independently. This, in turn, brings a sense of psychological unease to ordinary good citizens.

During recent travel through cities such as Surat, Vadodara and Ahmedabad in Gujarat, one notices a markedly different approach to traffic enforcement, with minimal visible policing focused on helmet violations.

"Traffic regulation is undoubtedly important and helmet use must be encouraged in the interest of public safety.

However, when such enforcement appears to overshadow action on organised crime & drug trafficking, questions naturally arise about priorities."

This contrast inevitably leads to public debate, not about whether helmet laws are necessary, but about whether enforcement strategies are proportionate and context-sensitive. More alarmingly, recent studies by reputed agencies in Mysuru have revealed that drug abuse is alarmingly prevalent in and around schools and colleges.

This places young students at grave risk of addiction to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, threatening not only individual futures but the social fabric at large.

The issue, therefore, is not about relaxing traffic rules, but about recalibrating enforcement priorities.

Crime prevention, intelligence-based policing and dismantling drug networks must take precedence if Mysuru is to be protected from the long-term consequences of drug menace, both manufacturing and use.

Failure to act decisively could tarnish the fair name of Mysuru and inflict untold misery on families and communities.

It is high time that law enforcement agencies strengthen local capabilities and bring the real culprits to book so that society, especially its younger generation, is safeguarded from long-term negative consequences.

—P. Rajan
K.C. Layout
4.2.2026

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 5th February 2026

Disruption in power supply from Feb. 6 to 9

Mysuru, Feb. 5- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up reconductoring works at Hosakote, Dadada Kallahalli, Hanumanthapura and Ramenahalli power lines coming under Yelwal (Hootagalli Sub-Division), there will be disruption in power supply from Feb. 6 to 9 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Hosakote, Dadada Kallahalli, Hanumanthapura, Ramenahalli, Gungral Chatra, Yachegowdanahalli, Sagara Katte, Yaddahalli, Chatrada Koppal, Ratnahalli and surrounding areas.

As CESC has taken up link line works at DMG Halli Power Distribution Centre coming under Hootagalli Sub-Division, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Feb. 6) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

DMG Halli, Mariyayanahundi, Kotehundi, Manikyapura, Kamarahalli, Sigalli, Nagawala, Bommenahalli, Huyilalu, Shettinayakahalli, Nuggalli, Madalli and surrounding areas, according to CESC Executive Engineer, VV Mohalla Division.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

OF HUMILITY IN TRIUMPH AND HONESTY IN ERROR: ***One of my grandfather's favourite quotes is: "In triumph you walk with humility and in errors with honesty." He would further elaborate that these two postures, seemingly opposite, are in fact the twin pillars of character. Triumph is often intoxicating, leading to the temptation to believe that one is superior. But it's a fact that every success stands on the shoulders of a web of support.***

The tennis legend Roger Federer's brilliance wasn't just in his effortless grace on the court but in his graciousness off it. Despite being frequently called 'the Greatest of All Time' by fans and commentators, he consistently avoided taking on the title himself. He always made sure to acknowledge the support of his wife, Mirka, his coaches and his team of physios and trainers. He consistently credited his opponents and thanked ball boys, umpires and fans, even at his peak dominance.

Sundar Pichai, Google's CEO, is another example of someone who avoids personal spotlight and celebrates team contributions more than his own. Coming from a modest home in Chennai, he acknowledges family, teachers and India's public education system for shaping him. His message to students is: "Always be kind and stay humble. Intelligence is easier to find than humility."

If triumph tests the ego, error tests one's integrity. In 1982, seven people died after taking cyanide-laced extra-strength Tylenol capsules sold in five Chicago stores. James Burke, the CEO of Johnson & Johnson, acted with transparent honesty. Although the contamination happened outside the company, he said: "We are responsible for protecting the people who trust our product." He ordered a nationwide recall, losing millions, went live before the media and answered every question openly and redesigned packaging with tamper-proof seals. Burke's integrity turned a public disaster into a benchmark study in ethical crisis management.

Rahul Dravid found himself accused of tampering with the ball in 2004 during an ODI against Zimbabwe and subsequently was fined 50% of his match fee. This incident is often interpreted through the lens of his impeccable reputation as "The Gentleman of Cricket." Because Dravid had always walked with honesty, the cricketing world was willing to accept the claim that the error was not a deliberate attempt to cheat.

Mistakes are universal, but the response to the error does differentiate one's character. To walk with honesty is not to erase the mistake but to face it, own it and rise above it.

— Jayanthi Chandrasekaran in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Purple tomatoes on sale

Sydney: Australia has given the green light to the commercial sale of genetically modified purple tomatoes, raising expectations that they would become the first genetically modified fresh food available in Australian retail stores.

The purple tomatoes owe their distinctive violet colour to genes borrowed from snapdragon flowers. These tomatoes have been modified to produce anthocyanins, the same pigments found in blueberries and blackberries, which are believed to possess antioxidant properties. The genetically modified purple tomato is the second GM food to receive approval for growth and sale as a whole food in Australia.

According to Travis Murphy, Managing Director of All Aussie Farmers, these tomatoes are roughly the size of cherry tomatoes. They have a deep purple colour and are notably sweeter and juicier than regular tomatoes.

Spicy spa has internet amused

Beijing: Have you ever heard of a 'Hot Pot Spa' where you soak in a spicy, steaming broth as a form of relaxation?

Vlogger Jordan Egbert shares his experience of taking a dip in the Chilli Peppers hot pot spa in China. In a video shared on Instagram, he says, "There is a hot pot spa in China, and it's the craziest thing I've seen. Not only is it filled with real Jalapenos and peppers, but the water is even red on one side, while the other is milky and filled with other vegetables, and that's just one of many spas here."

There is also a pool filled with Orbeez. The place offers a range of treatments, including a unique fish spa where tiny fish gently exfoliate dead skin from your feet.

The video went viral on social media, with several people sharing their thoughts in the comment section.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Early endoscopic screening helps detect gastrointestinal cancers at a treatable stage.

By Dr. Satheesh Rao A K - Senior Consultant – Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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INS flags newsprint shortage

New Delhi, Feb. 5 (Agencies)- The **Indian Newspaper Society (INS)** on Tuesday voiced serious concern over the shortfall of newsprint in the country, forcing publishers to rely on imports.

"India's annual newsprint consumption is approximately 1.2 million tonnes, while domestic production has struggled to cross 0.5 million tonnes. As a result, Indian mills are currently able to meet only about 40 per cent of the total demand, underscoring a major 'hollowing out' of the industry," the Indian Newspaper Society said in a statement here.

It said, this gap in the demand and supply has persisted for over two decades, with no meaningful expansion in dedicated newsprint manufacturing capacity.

"Owing to this inherent constraint, newspaper publishers are compelled to rely on imports to ensure uninterrupted supply and distribution, which remains essential for informed public discourse in this country," the INS said.

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- ***Alexander Graham Bell was unexceptional at his Scottish school, Weston House Academy in Elgin, but became a fine self-taught pianist and had a clever inquiring mind.***
- ***At 12 years old Alexander Graham Bell invented a simple device to dehusk wheat, using nail brushes, that a neighbour employed in his grain mill.***
- ***In 1874, Alexander Graham Bell discovered the principle of the telephone and he experimented with Thomas Watson to create the first telephone connection.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Make a sentence using "easy and boring."*
Dino: *To sing a song is 'easy' for the teacher... but for us listeners, it is 'boring.'*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.45
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 123.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.63
1 Euro	= Rs. 106.25

VOICE OF THE READER

A climber's point of view on Chamundi Hill

Sir,

My first visit to Chamundi Hill, as I remember, was when I was in class 4 in 1974. I have been visiting the Hill since then on all possible motorable and walking paths.

I find this agitation to leave the hills as it is an ill-conceived idea and a short-sighted one. I am amazed at the kind of people supporting this agitation.

I am sure most, or none of them, have visited the Hill and have seen the deterioration of the hills over the years. I can't imagine leaving the Hill as it is now.

What is it now? No proper parking, no pathway to walk to the temple, no photo opp point on the top, no souvenir shop worth its name or product.

Instead, what is there? Chaos to park the car, unhygienic eateries all over, cheap plastic toys and good, cramped walkway and no info on the other two temples on the Hill, much older than this main Sri Chamundeshwari Temple.

If the people, who are agitating to maintain this filthy Hill as it is now, may Goddess Chamundeshwari give them better sense.

What is needed is to clear the top area of ALL shops. Make parking compulsory at the parking bay built, add greenery on top of the hill, make a better walkway to the temple from the parking lot and give better information to make people visit the other two temples atop the Hill. That is what is needed. Not the *status quo*.

—Shankar Prasad

Jayalakshmipuram
1.2.2026

Uncovered trench poses danger!

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (PM&BS)- A corner space at the intersection of Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle and Irwin Road poses danger as the trench dug for a civil work remains open, with cement blocks and crushed stones laid in a haphazard way.

The trench is dug near the heritage pillars, at the entrance of Irwin Road from Government Ayurveda Hospital side. It is located right adjacent to the footpath and any minor negligence of pedestrians, may prove near troublesome. The trench may have been dug to lay some cables, but the half-cut cables, cement blocks and crushed stones can be seen scattered there.

As a precaution, the barricade has been put up near the trench to prevent any vehicle users and pedestrians, from having a close access. It is better, the authorities concerned take up corrective measures, with the very stretch of road dotted with K.R. Hospital, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and several other prominent commercial establishments, making it one of the busy stretches throughout the day.

State-level Football Tournament

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Football Club, Mysuru, will be organising a two-day State-level 5-a-side Football Tournament on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations and in memory of former MP R. Dhruvanarayan from Feb. 7 at Siddhartha High School Grounds at Gandhinagar in city. The organisers have announced Rs. 60,000 cash prize including a trophy for the winners and Rs. 30,000 and trophy for runners-up.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Arogya Rakshaka Seva Award

Arogya Rakshaka Seva Award-2026 will be presented to S.E. Girish, Director of Jeevadhara Blood Bank, at a programme to be held at the Blood Bank premises on Sayyaji Rao Road today (Feb. 5) at 6 pm, according to Devendra Pariharia of Blood On Call Club. City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Mysuru City and District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, Dr. S.P. Yoganna, President of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry K.B. Lingaraju and others will be the chief guests.

Ex-servicemen grievances meet

The Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has organised a grievances meet of ex-servicemen from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts, at Abdul Nazir Sab auditorium in ZP Office premises, Mysuru, at 10 am on Feb. 9. Ex-servicemen and their family members from the three districts can attend and submit their grievances in writing (in duplicate), according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2425240 during office hours.

Story-telling

Sunitha Betkerur

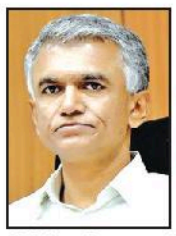
As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni- 918,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Sunitha Betkerur, retired teacher and visiting teacher, Vanitha Sadana, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, in city on Feb. 7 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097, 99459-43115.

Free health check-up camp

N.J.S Charitable Trust, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, has organised a free health check-up camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, near Mandi Police Station, Mandi Mohalla, at 9.30 am to 2 pm on Feb. 10. Also, registration for Ayushman Health and Senior Citizen Cards will be done for senior citizens aged over 60 years at 10 am to 12 noon at the venue. For registration and details, contact Mob: 94487-53597, 99161-55453 or 94487-38657.

Lake encroachment in K.C. Layout

Lake or private land? Minister's reply irks MLA



Krishna Byregowda

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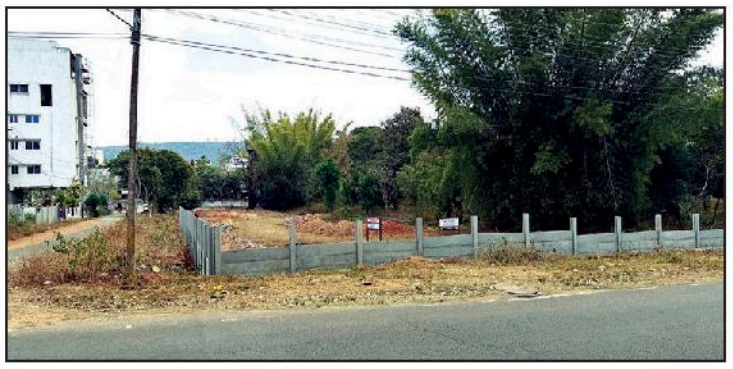


Mysuru, Feb. 5 (BCT)- Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda has given a confusing and conflicting reply in the Assembly regarding the alleged encroachment of a lake in K.C. Layout (Kempu Cheluvajammanni Layout) near the foot of Chamundi Hill in Mysuru.

The lake in question falls under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and is being claimed as a private property. Two boards have been erected at the site. However, official maps of the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) clearly show the area as a lake.

While one board refers to 23 guntas of land, the other mentions 3.17 acres, both asserting ownership and warning the public against trespassing. The boards also state that legal action will be initiated against anyone entering the property without permission.

Raising the issue in the Assembly, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa pointed out that MDA maps also indicate Raja Kaluves (primary stormwater drains) connected to the water body, leaving little doubt that it is Government-owned. As per norms, natural water bodies and water-holding areas are classified as Government property.

Matter unresolved

In his reply, Krishna Byregowda did not clearly state whether the land in question is indeed a lake, leaving the matter unresolved and raising further doubts.

Before bringing the issue to the Assembly to draw the Government's attention, Srivatsa had visited the site and instructed the Mysuru Tahsildar to conduct a survey and initiate necessary action. The Tahsildar assured that the survey would be carried out and further steps taken accordingly.

In the Assembly, the Minister stated that the disputed land falls under Survey No. 4 of Kurubarahalli village in Mysuru taluk. According to survey records, Survey No. 4 spans 979.01 acres, classified as 'B-Kharab' (non-cultivable land) and registered as 'Palace Kaval' land.

Ambiguous stance

Based on old city survey records, the extent of the specific site is 25,255.50 square metres (approximately 6.10 acres). Of this, 2.33 acres have already been developed into K.C. Nagar layouts, houses and roads. The remaining 3.17 acres are home to teak and coconut trees, with part of the land resembling a lake bund.

However, the Minister's reply did not clarify whether the compound-enclosed site is officially recognised or marked as a lake in MDA maps. Instead, he merely noted the presence of trees and bund-like features, leaving the lake's status uncertain.

Reacting to what he termed a vague response, Srivatsa told *Star of Mysore* that the Minister's reply itself was confusing. He expressed disappointment, noting that Krishna Byregowda — considered an honest and upright leader — was expected to provide a clearer answer.

The MLA stressed that fighting to save the lake now appears to be the only way forward. He announced that he would decide the next course of action after a joint survey is conducted.

He also said he would bring together the Deputy Commissioner, officials of the Urban Development Department and the MDA for a spot inspection. Based on complete information from these authorities, he added, the next stage of efforts to protect the lake would be determined.

Student loses Rs. 2 lakh to cyber criminals

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (PM&KS)- A student has lost Rs. 2.03 lakh to cyber criminals in city and a case has been registered at Alanahalli Police Station in this regard.

According to the complaint lodged by the 21-year-old student on Feb. 3, he had come across a business proposal advertisement on social media and on contacting the number provided in the advertisement, a person, said to be an online trader got the money transferred from him through UPI transaction and also threatened him (student) to transfer more money.

The student has further stated in the complaint that he had transferred small amount of money multiple times, not only from his bank account but also from his mother's bank account, all totalling Rs. 2,03,000.

The Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Bid to sell MDMA worth Rs. 1.20 lakh

Engineering student among three arrested

Ameer Khan

Syed Imran

Mohammad Nabeel

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (PM&BCT)- Udayagiri police have arrested three individuals who were attempting to sell narcotic substances.

The Police have seized 11 grams and 90 milligrams of MDMA (methylenedioxymethamphetamine, known commonly as ecstasy or molly), valued at Rs. 1.20 lakh and the car used in the crime.

The arrested accused are Ameer Khan (27), a resident of K.R. Mohalla and a vehicle driver, Syed Imran (30), a mobile phone repair worker from N.R. Mohalla and Mohammad Nabeel (25), an engineering student from Belavadi.

On Tuesday evening at around 5 pm, while patrolling near Sathagalli VTU College and Outer Ring Road, Udayagiri Police received reliable information that the trio was attempting to sell drugs. Acting swiftly, the Police intercepted them near Moonbucks Café, where they had arrived in a car to conduct the sale.

During the search, MDMA was found in Ameer Khan's pant pocket. Upon interrogation, he admitted that he had purchased the substance from a person named Raisool and had come with Imran and Nabeel in the car to sell it.

A case has been registered at Udayagiri Police Station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

Police also revealed that Ameer Khan already has a prior NDPS case registered against him at Narasimharaja Police Station. The three accused have now been remanded to judicial custody.

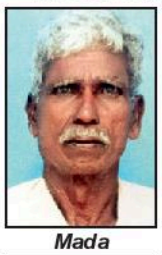
Cows run over by train

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (PM&KS)- Two cows have been run over by a moving train near B.M. Sri Nagar in Metagalli.

It is learnt that the two cows were grazing near the railway track when they came under Arasikere bound train and were killed.

It is said that the Railway staff cleared the carcasses of the cows from the railway track, but Railway Police said that they do not have any information about the incident.

Man trampled to death by wild elephant at Bandipur


Mada

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MTY&KS)- A man was trampled to death by a wild elephant at Matakere 'B' Colony, coming under Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Saragur taluk, Mysuru district, in the wee hours of today.

The deceased has been identified as Mada alias Madappa (65), a resident of the Colony, who was working as a watchman of a temple.

Mada had gone out of the Colony to attend nature's call. As it was dark still, Mada had switched on the torch attracting the wild elephant, which attacked and trampled him to death. Though a few residents rushed to his help on hearing his screams, the wild elephant had trampled him to death by then.

Wild elephant spotted at Matakere 'B' Colony in Saragur taluk.

It is said that, three to four wild elephants were moving around this region since three to four days and the villagers had urged the Forest Department to drive these elephants back to the forest.

Three wild tuskers had recently strayed out near Saragur. As people began to make noise, the elephants had got separated and went in different directions. The elephant which killed Mada was partially blind, the villagers said.

The villagers further alleged that the Forest Department, which rescues wild elephants elsewhere was releasing them in Bandipur Forests, resulting in the wild elephants entering human habitats.

Forest Department officials visited the spot.

Elderly woman attempting suicide rescued

Srirangapatna, Feb. 5 (KS) - A 78-year-old woman, who had jumped into Cauvery River near Wellesley Bridge, Srirangapatna, in an attempt to end her life, has been rescued by the villagers yesterday.

The woman has been identified as Gundamma, a resident of Bendaravadi village in Chamarajanagar district.

Fed up with frequent family feuds, the woman, who came to Srirangapatna, jumped into Cauvery River in a bid to end her life. As the water flow was low in the River, she was not completely drowned. Local residents V. Suresh and Khizer Ahmed, who were walking on the bridge, saw the woman struggling in the water, jumped into the river and rescued her.

Suresh and Khizer, who brought her to the river bank, took her house address and mobile number, only to tell them about the incident, besides informing the Town Police Station. Later, Gundamma's grandson, who arrived at the Police Station, took his grandmother home.

A case has been registered at Srirangapatna Police Station.

STAR OF MYSORE

SPECIAL ISSUE

Star of Mysore is completing **48** years of service on **16th February (Monday) 2026** and entering **49th** year of publication. As in the past, this year too we will be publishing a Special Issue.

NOTE: As 15th February (Sunday) is a Government Holiday on the occasion of **Mahashivarathri, *Star of Mysore*** Offices will remain closed on that day. Hence, we request our advertisers & patrons to release their advertisements for the Special Issue before **12th February** to facilitate printing as per schedule.

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Tree Audit gets a royal lead

Bherunda Foundation Chairperson Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar seen along with volunteers.

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Agreement with District Administration

Bherunda Foundation also signed an agreement with the District Administration at Mysore Palace Board premises yesterday to undertake the tree audit across the city.

Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Mysuru DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, MCC Commissioner, Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Project Coordinator, M.M. Nikhilesh and CFAL representative Shanta Gowda were present.

'Preserving green heritage & legacy set by our ancestors'

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, who described it as a wonderful experience to carry out the tree audit, said that it is mainly aimed at preserving the green heritage and the legacy set by our ancestors.

"To say heritage, it is not just about buildings, myriad arts and yoga, boulevards, parks etc. It is also about the trees, as Mysuru is fast expanding and maintaining a balance is equally important," she noted.

3-phase audit

Explaining about how the audit is planned in three phases, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar said, in Phase-1, the audit of trees in public spaces is being conducted with the help of about 70 volunteers and students.

So far, the survey of about 50,000 trees of the estimated total 1.5 lakh in 65 Wards of the city has been completed. Majority of the tree species found in Mysuru belong to three species — Copper Pod, Rain Tree and Gulmohar.

In Phase-2, the audit of trees at the premises of institutions, parks and other places will be carried out. The final and Phase-3 of the audit aims to identify spaces in consensus with the Government, to plant the indigenous tree species, which can absorb carbon.

Most importantly, to scientifically gather the details of the trees, the related apps are being used by uploading the pictures of leaf, with Dr. Smitha Hegde of CFAL providing the scientific inputs.

Yaduveer Wadiyar to join

Asked about the cooperation of her MP husband, Yaduveer Wadiyar, himself a nature lover, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar said, "Together we have planned to conduct the audit of at least 500 trees in the days to come."

Report by March

After completion of the survey, a comprehensive report along with biodiversity indices will be released in March 2026. This report will serve as a guiding document for shaping Mysuru's environmental policies and urban planning for future generations.

The organisers have appealed to citizens, volunteers and institutions to actively participate in this initiative. With volunteer training, field surveys and public awareness programmes, all must join for a greener Mysuru.

"Mysuru Tree Audit, project is not just a survey; it is a pledge of responsibility towards our children's future and towards nature," the organisers stated.

How Tree Audit is conducted

- Each tree is geo-tagged and documented with location-based mapping along with growth and biomass details.
- Tree health assessments are carried out to identify threats such as diseases, concretisation and root damage, followed by appropriate conservation measures.
- Details, including species, height, trunk diameter and canopy spread, are recorded for scientific documentation.
- Biodiversity assessment: Tree diversity in Mysuru is documented using Shannon's Index (a measure of biodiversity that captures both species richness and the evenness of their distribution in a community).
- Carbon accounting: An estimate of carbon stock at the city level is calculated.

Lokayukta raids two MCC officials

Rs. 60 lakh cash, gold seized so far

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (BLU&BCT)- In an early morning operation today, the Lokayukta Police conducted simultaneous raids in Mysuru targeting two Government officials accused of possessing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.

Lokayukta teams searched the residences, offices and other properties linked to K.R. Chandrashekar, Junior Engineer at T. Narasipur Town Municipality (on deputation from Mysuru City Corporation), and Altaf Hussain Jakarthi, Deputy Electrical Engineer with Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (on deputation to Mysuru City Corporation).

In Mysuru and T. Narasipur, raids were carried out at seven locations, including the houses of relatives, following repeated complaints of corruption and alleged illegal wealth accumulation.

Searches were conducted at Jakarthi's residence in Vijayanagar, office on Sayyaji Rao Road, Chandrashekar's house in K.G. Koppal and the T. Narasipur office. Lokayukta Police reportedly seized Rs. 60 lakh in cash from Chandrashekar's premises.

Cash and gold were also seized from Jakarthi's residence. The total value of the seizure and movable and immovable assets will be known later.

Jewels and cash seized from one of the houses.

Lokayukta teams documented assets suspected to be disproportionate to the officials' known sources of income. According to officials, the raids were triggered by sustained complaints alleging that the accused had amassed wealth far beyond their legitimate earnings.

The searches, which began in the early hours, continued through the morning as Lokayukta officers catalogued seized documents, valuables and cash.

Meeting to decide leadership change issue on Feb.8

Bengaluru, Feb. 5 (KMS& DM)- Even as the leadership tussle continues in the State Congress, the Congress High Command, in a move aimed at resolving the power sharing issue, is said to have convened a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his Deputy D.K. Shivakumar at New Delhi on Feb.8.

Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who is also a former AICC President, is learnt to have sent WhatsApp message to both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar to come to Delhi for a meeting at Indira Bhavan on Feb. 8.

Upon learning of the meeting, Ministers and Legislators belonging to Veerashaiva-Lingayat and SC Communities held separate meetings in Bengaluru on Tuesday night, to discuss staking their claim for the CM's post, if at all leadership change would happen in the State. While the meeting of SC Community Ministers and Legislators was chaired by Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Minister for Heavy Industries M.B.Patil chaired the meeting of Veerashaiva-Lingayat community Ministers and Legislators. The meetings of the two communities took place in different Hotels in the State capital. Both the meetings are said to have discussed in depth about the possible political fallout, if at all leadership change happens in the near future. The leaders also decided on sending a message to the High Command to also seriously consider their respective community for the top post in case of leadership change.

However, after the meetings, the leaders asserted that they met only to reassert their communities unity and cohesion and there was nothing political in it.

Leopard trapped at H.D. Kote taluk

H.D. Kote, Feb. 5 (KS)- A leopard, which had killed about 37 cattle heads, has been successfully trapped in a cage placed by the Forest Department at an agricultural field near N. Belthur Old Gate in the taluk on Tuesday late night.

This leopard had been creating havoc by attacking cattle grazing in fields and killing them. The leopard is said to have killed about 37 cattle heads so far and roaming around the village creating a sense of fear among the villagers, who had urged the Forest Department officials to capture the leopard.

About 20 days ago, the Forest staff had placed a 'walk through trap cage' in the agriculture field of farmer Yogesh. On Tuesday late night, the leopard walked into the cage and got trapped.

Veterinarian Dr. Ramesh tranquillised the leopard and radio collared it, following which it was released inside the forest, according to Forest officials.

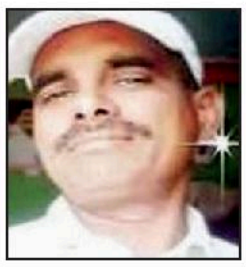
Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Madhu, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Siddaraju, Leopard Task Force personnel and Forest staff were present.

Sulwadi Maramma Temple Poisoning Case

Court rejects bail applications of 3 accused

Chamarajanagar, Feb. 5 (KS)- The Chamarajanagar District Court has rejected the bail applications of three accused persons, who were arrested following the death of 17 devotees who had consumed poison-laced prasada at Kichuguth Sulwadi Maramma Temple here in 2018.

Ambika



Madesha

Doddaiah

Former junior pontiff of Salur Mutt at Hanur taluk Immadi Mahadevaswamy is the prime accused in the case. The co-accused are Manager of the Temple Madesha, his wife Ambika and former employee of the Temple Doddaiah.

While Immadi Mahadevaswamy, who was behind bars for a period of seven years, but suffering from physical ailments was granted bail by High Court for a period of one year to avail medical treatment in November last year, other three accused Madesha, Ambika and Doddaiah had moved bail application. But the Court rejected their bail applications yesterday.

The case: The tussle for power among the trustees of Kichuguth Sulwadi Maramma Temple Management, which was rich in revenue, led to the conspiracy, hatched by Mahadevaswamy in connivance with the co-accused in the case. All they wanted was to grab power by hook-or-crook and put rival faction in dock. The prasada distributed to devotees was spiked with poison in December 2018 that claimed 17 lives, leaving 123 others severely ill.

Woman's suicide case

Court denies anticipatory bail to husband, in-laws

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (BCT)- The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court in Mysuru has rejected the anticipatory bail petitions of a man and his parents, accused of abetting the suicide of a young woman who allegedly faced sustained mental and physical harassment.

Sampritha (28), daughter of Sahadeva Rao, a cook from Dattagalli in Mysuru, had married Mukkati Kushal, son of M.U. Vasanth of Kalathmadu village in South Kodagu, following a love affair.

Kushal was working as a cybersecurity engineer at Quantify Analytics Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in Whitefield, Bengaluru.

After the marriage, Kushal allegedly subjected Sampritha to mental harassment, reportedly under the influence of his mother. When she became pregnant, he is said to have forced her to undergo an abortion.

She was later allegedly driven out of the house, after which Kushal went into hiding and remained incommunicado.

Distressed, Sampritha returned to her parents home in Dattagalli and narrated her ordeal to her parents. On Dec. 10, 2025, she reportedly wrote a death note blaming her husband and mother-in-law for her sufferings, before her death by hanging.

Following her death, Kuvempunagar Police registered a case and submitted a preliminary report to the Court, initiating an investigation. Apprehending arrest, Kushal, his father Vasanth and mother Renuka filed anticipatory bail applications before the Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court.

After hearing the matter, Judge K.N. Roopa dismissed the petitions, citing the gravity of the offence.

Public Prosecutor A.N. Madhu opposed the bail plea.

Excise DC suspended on bribery charges

Mandya, Feb. 5 (BS)- Following a complaint related to bribery, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Excise R. Nagashayana, has been kept under suspension by the Government.

Nagashayana

According to a complaint lodged by one Sundar, Nagashayana had allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs. 60 lakh to grant CL-7 license. An audio clip, purportedly believed to be containing the record of conversation between the applicant Sundar and Nagashayana in August 2025, had gone viral on social media. The Excise Commissioner had issued a Show Cause notice to initiate disciplinary action against him. After examining the clarification of the accused officer, the demand for bribe primarily appeared to be true. Following which, the suspension order was issued.

During the period of suspension, Nagashayana has been transferred to Belagavi (North) in Belagavi.

Obituary

Fayaz Ahmed Khan

Mysuru, Feb. 5 -Fayaz Ahmed Khan (60), proprietor of FS Flower Stall at Bannimantap and a resident of Haleem Nagar, passed away following brief illness this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife, four daughters, two sons, sisters, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be performed today at 5.15 pm at Masjid Akbaree in Bannimantap, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Shantha Vasanthkumar

Shantha Vasanthkumar (70), wife of writer late Dr. Malali Vasanthkumar, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind son Ranna Malali, daughter M.V. Roopa and a host of relatives and friends. Her another daughter Vasu Malali had predeceased her a few years ago.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm (Bhoomithayi) at Kalalavadi on Manandavadi Road yesterday evening, according to family sources.

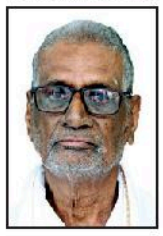
M. Suresh Rao

M. Suresh Rao (78), former partner of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works and proprietor of Suresh Colour Labs, passed away yesterday in city.

A resident of Narayana Shastri Road, near Nanjumalige in Lakshmipuram, he leaves behind son Sandeep Shenoy and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in city this morning, according to family sources.

S.B. Shivakumaraswamy

S.B. Shivakumaraswamy (92), a resident of Suttur, passed away following age related illness yesterday. He leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.



Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Lalithadripura in city this afternoon, according to family sources.

Ramachandregowda

Hunsur: Ramachandregowda (73), retired employee of Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) in Hunsur, passed away yesterday in the town.

Son of late Devegowda of Hirikyathanahalli village in the taluk, he leaves behind his wife Sujatha, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his farm in Hirikyathanahalli village, according to family sources.

K.S. Krishnaswamy

Nanjangud: K.S. Krishnaswamy (92), retired Head Master and a resident of the town, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru this morning. He had served for over 35 years as an Advisor of Taluk Teachers Co-operative Society.

He leaves behind son Sudarshan, an engineer, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on the banks of Kapila River this afternoon, according to family sources.

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Abandoned twins: Kripa & Kripi

One day, King Shantanu stumbles upon two abandoned babies on the forest floor: a boy and a girl. He adopts them, names them Kripa and Kripi and raises them. They are children of a tapasvi (fire-ascetic) named Saradvan and an apsara (water-nymph) named Janapadi.

Mahabharata thus informs us of children abandoned by both father and mother but adopted by a single man. Kripa later becomes a renowned martial arts teacher, of the Kuru princes, while Kripi marries Drona, another martial arts master.

Mahabharata is the first epic to tell stories of the conflict between tapasvis and apsaras. The men abandon homes and live in the forest, shunning contact with all forms of pleasure, including women. The retained semen, following strict yogic practices, transforms into an inner fire (tapa) that grants these men magical powers (siddhi) with which they can change

shape and size and even fly or walk on water.

This makes Indra, king of gods, nervous. He fears they will topple him, so he sends the apsara to seduce them. Proof of her success is the production of a child. The semen is thus bound to earth through the child not raised up the spine to grant spiritual powers.

Who takes responsibility for the child? The man or the woman? The failed ascetic or the successful nymph? The father or the mother? It is neither. The ascetic rejects the child, seeing it as proof of his failure. The nymph abandons it, for her role is seduction and pleasure, not motherhood.

Thus, the baby is discarded — until another figure, often a single man, steps in to raise it. The ancient story challenges "modern" gender roles. It is a far more fluid imagination.

Neither father nor mother is condemned for abandoning the child. The narrative does not assign automatic "motherhood duties" to the woman, nor does it condemn the man for leaving. Instead, adoption by another man highlights that in the world of Mahabharata writers child-rearing is not solely women's responsibility. Men can be caregivers too.

The famous story of Vishwamitra and Menaka follows the same pattern: their child, Shakuntala, is abandoned and later raised by another sage, Kanva. In Buddhist and Jain narratives, too, men walk away from wives and children for spiritual quests. But the women stay back and take care of the household. The Buddha abandons Yashodhara and Rahula to seek answers to life's suffering. This is celebrated as noble renunciation and even justified. By contrast, women who leave children behind are usually stigmatised. This makes the Mahabharata story very unique and different. Here, the responsibility of raising the child is not given to women.

There is an acknowledgement of women's freedom. Apsara embodies the courtesan, women who were tied to no man and were not expected to be wives or mothers. They gave pleasure. That was their role. They were not home-makers. But they were within prescribed social roles, celestial temptresses.

Ancient Indian lore does include tales of women who reject domestic roles. Many poet-saints of India like Lal Ded of Kashmir and Akka Mahadevi of Karnataka renounced marriage and motherhood to pursue spirituality. They refused to be wives, mothers, daughters, sisters. They are remembered because they were on a spiritual quest. Would they be forgiven if they abandoned husbands, sons and daughters in the pursuit of a career?

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Mysuru Santhe-2026 from tomorrow

Encouragement to local entrepreneurship

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Mysuru Santhe-2026, a grand three-day event that reflects Mysuru's cultural charm, heritage, tourism, business spirit and pride — along with music, comedy, dance and entertainment — will be held from Feb. 6 to 8 at Maharaja's College Grounds in city.

The event will be open to the public every day from 11 am to 10 pm. It aims to promote women and local entrepreneurship, while also serving as a joyful platform for families, friends and tourists to spend quality time.

The inauguration will take place on Feb. 6 at 5.30 pm in the presence of Madhu Chandan, Founder of Organic Mandya; Jhanvi, Bigg Boss contestant, anchor and actress; Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore; Prof. Uniyal, Vice-Chancellor and Director of RV University, Mysuru; Dr. P. Jayachandra Raju, President of Global Education Trust; G.S. Somashekar, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Mysuru City Corporation and B.S. Ravishankar, Police Inspector, Lakshmipuram Police Station.

More than 100 selected stalls from across the State will offer festival clothing, handmade crafts, home décor items and lifestyle products.

Major attractions include local and multi-cuisine food stalls, a special play and activity zone for children, workshops, interactive programmes and luxury car and bike exhibitions. Every evening from 6 pm onwards, Kannada songs, music and cultural performances will be held.

The event is being organised by Bharath Gowda, Karthik Mahesh, Dr. Pooja Joshi, Smita Balu, Snehal Igoor and Ramya Gowda. The organisers have appealed the people of Mysuru to participate and celebrate this three-day festival. Entry fee for Mysuru Santhe-2026 is Rs. 60.

MCC launches wall painting to reclaim top spot in Swachh Bharat ranking

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MK&BS)- The compound walls of Government Office buildings across city have turned into a platform to disseminate the message of cleanliness in an artistic way.

The walls are being painted with pictorial messages to send home the message of cleanliness as part of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has launched the initiative of wall painting at an estimated cost of Rs. 32 lakh, aiming to turn 27,000 feet space of the compound walls into a canvas for the pictorial messages.

The focus is mainly on the conservation of environment and natural resources with messages like that of — Clean Environment, Minimum Use of Water, Segregation of Dry and Wet Waste and several others.

Over 20 artists are involved in the task.

The compound walls of MCC Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road, Maharaja's Sanskrit Patashala, CADA Office near

Palace and Government Offices in Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar etc., have got an artistic look, with a stroke of brush.

This wall painting is one among several concepts designed to reclaim the top spot in Swachh Bharat rankings, said Mruthyunjaya, Nodal Officer of Swachh Bharat Mission.

Dy.CM DKS tees-off

Kempegowda Invitational Golf Tournament

Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) teed-off the inaugural Kempegowda Invitational Golf Championship held at Kimmane Golf Resort in Shivamogga recently. Picture above shows golfers from Mysuru, Shivamogga, Bengaluru and Chikkamagaluru posing with DKS.

Shivamogga, Feb. 5- Amidst his busy schedule and speculation over change of leadership in the State, Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar (DKS) made time to tee-off the inaugural Kempegowda Invitational Golf Tournament at Kimmane Golf Resort, Shivamogga on Jan. 30.

The tournament organised for golfers of Vokkaliga community witnessed players from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga taking active part. The event was organised with the objective of promoting the game of golf while fostering unity, camaraderie and healthy competition among the community.

The inaugural edition of the Kempegowda Invitational Golf Tournament marked a significant step towards encouraging sporting excellence and strengthening cultural bonds through sports. The tournament was organised by Advocate M.R. Surya Kumar, M.A. Madan Kumar, S.K. Srinivas and T.N. Shashi Kumar.

Mysuru athletes shine

in Khelo India Winter Games

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (VNS)- Mysuru athletes taking part in the Khelo India Winter Games organised by Sports Authority of India (SAI) have won gold and silver medals.

Srivatsa S. Rao won gold in 1000 mts long track and B.T. Harshith won bronze in 500 mts long track. In the 5000 mts relay, the men's team of Srivatsa S. Rao, Omkar Yogaraj, G.V. Raghavendra and Dheemanth Mahesh and women's team of Shrija S. Rao, Sridhanya P. Bharadwaj, Hiranmayi Ramganesh and Sahasra Nelaturi bagged silver medals respectively.

The team of G.V. Raghavendra, Omkar Yogaraj, Shrija S. Rao and Sahasra Nelaturi secured bronze in mixed relay event.

The athletes were coached by Ekalavya Awardee K. Srikanth Rao and Dr. Varsha S. Puranik at Rao's International Track and KSR Indoor Roller Skating Track in city. Karnataka team with a total of five medals —1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals — ended up in 5th position.

WPL finals tonight

RCB to take on DC

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (VNS)- Best of the friends Jemimah Rodrigues and Smriti Mandhana will lock horns in the Women's Premier League (WPL) finals to be held at Baroda Cricket Association (BCA) Stadium at Vadodara this evening.

The Delhi Capitals team led by Jemimah Rodrigues will eye to break finals jinx after having lost three consecutive finals previously. Earlier, Delhi Capitals led by Meg Lanning had lost in the finals of 2023, 2024 and 2025 editions. With the Jemimah taking over the baton from Lanning, Delhi Capitals have entered the finals for fourth consecutive time.

Road to finale was not easy for the Delhi Capitals as they had to take a longer route coming through the Eliminator during which they outclassed Gujarat Giants led by Ashleigh Gardner. Having lost the previous finals, will Jemimah be able to break the finals jinx tonight?

Meanwhile, the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), which won the second edition of tournament, will depend on its Captain Smriti Mandhana and Grace Harris to get off to a flying start. The team qualified for the finals as table toppers winning six out of their eight matches in the league stage.

RCB, after a week-long break, will be entering the ground with an aim to win back the lost glory after failing to qualify in the previous edition as defending champions. Lauren Bell and Nadine De Klerk hold the key with the ball for RCB as both have given good starts in the league stage. Having picked up 11 wickets in the tournament so far Bengaluru-girl Shreyanka Patil will lead spin department.

The grand finale of this edition's WPL promises to be a cracker of a match. Will DC be able to break the finals jinx or will RCB raise the winning toast? Let's wait and watch.

Catch the live action at Star Sports Network and Jio Hotstar from 7 pm.

TEAMS

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BENGALURU (RCB)

Smriti Mandhana (Captain), Grace Harris, Georgia Voll, Richa Ghosh, Radha Yadav, Nadine de Klerk, Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Sayali Satghare, Shreyanka Patil, Lauren Bell, Linsey Smith, Dayalan Hemalatha, Prathyoosha Kumar, Gautami Naik, Prema Rawat.

DELHI CAPITALS (DC)

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20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	06.00	07.40	Except Wed-Vande Bharat
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16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.15	18.50	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	17.15	20.10	Daily
07034	Mysuru	Kakinada Town	17.20	20.55	Tue & Sat (TOD SPL)
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.50	21.40	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	20.30	23.40	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.40	23.05	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.15	22.50	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	20.40	00.05	Daily
06269	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.50	00.35	Daily
66580	Ashokapuram	SMVB Baiyyappanahalli	23.00	02.35	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	23.10	01.25	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.55	02.05	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	00.10	04.00	Daily
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.30	04.05	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Wednesday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Friday
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.20	07.45	Thursday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.40	08.35	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	05.55	08.55	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.20	09.30	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	06.35	10.20	Daily
16536	Pandharpur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	08.05	11.45	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.25	11.15	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.15	12.25	Daily - MEMU Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05	12.20	Except Wed-Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35	13.00	Except Thu
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30	14.00	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	12.50	16.00	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	12.15	15.00	Wed - Humsafar Exp
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.50	16.30	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger
07033	Kakinada Town	Mysuru	09.00	16.00	Mon & Fri (TOD SPL)
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	16.45	19.25	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.05	20.00	Thursday
20675 (17325)	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.50	20.35	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.10	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	18.40	21.30	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	21.55	Daily - MEMU Passenger
16551	Chennai	Mysuru	20.00	22.50	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Murdeshwar	20.25	23.20	Daily
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	21.30	23.30	Except Thu - Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	22.55	01.50	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	20.45	00.05	Fri & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

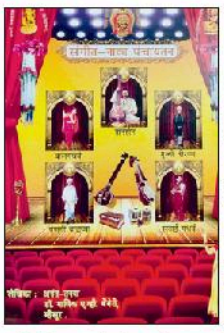
Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.25	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.45 next day	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266	Mysuru	Arsikere	06.30	10.25	Daily Passenger
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.15	10.10 (Hassan)	Daily
06281	Mysuru	Arsikere	08.00	11.10	Sat
06282	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.10	18.30	Wed
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.40	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	14.00	23.00	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	22.00	Daily Passenger
56267	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily Passenger
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	17.30	21.15	Daily Passenger
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	19.30 (Fri)	18.45 (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	22.45	09.55	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	23.40	12.55	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	19.40	07.10	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.25	17.05	Daily
16207	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.55 (Hassan)	20.10	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.00 next day	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.50	15.30	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	14.50	22.30	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	02.20 (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	14.10	03.30	Daily

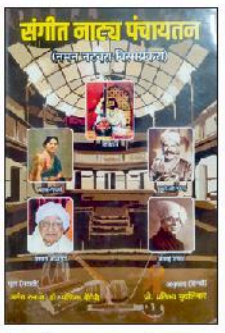
TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.45	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	08.00	10.10	Daily Passenger
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.50	13.30	Daily Passenger
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	15.40	17.20	Daily Passenger
56282	Tumakuru	Chamarajanagar	18.40	20.50	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud Town	09.15	10.00	Daily Passenger
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	04.40	06.30	Daily Passenger
56281	Chamarajanagar	Tumakuru	07.15	09.00	Daily Passenger
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40	12.30	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.50	17.05	Daily Passenger
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.30	19.30	Daily Passenger
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.45	23.40	Daily Passenger
56205	Nanjangud Town	Mysuru	10.25	11.15	Daily Passenger

Dr. Manik Bengeri's books released

Seen in the picture are (from left) Dr. Karunalakshmi, Asst. Hindi Professor at Maharani's College, Mysuru; Dr. Manik Bengeri, Mysuru-based author; Mukund Gore, retired SBI Officer, Belagavi; Prof. Pratibha Mudaliyar, retired Hindi Professor of Mysore University (now settled in Belagavi); Dr. Manik Bengeri's son Atul Bengeri, Digital Strategist & SmartTech Specialist and Sudhindra Bengeri of USA during the book release event in Belagavi recently.





Mysuru, Feb. 5- Two books with the same title *Sangeet-Naatya-Panchayatan* (original Marathi), authored by Mysuru-based writer Dr. Manik Bengeri and translated into Hindi by Prof. Pratibha Mudaliyar, retired Hindi HoD of Mysore University, were released at an event recently under the aegis of Book Lovers Club, Belagavi. The books are published by Aman Prakashan, Kanpur, UP.

The books contain Indian ancient classical music, Tansen, its influence on theatre, especially since 18th century to 20th century, on famous actor-singer Narayan Rajahansa alias Bal-Gandharv and his contemporaries in entire India, with special reference to Gubbi Veeranna, Yenagi Balappa and Savai Gandharv of Karnataka, the role of women in Karnataka on theatre etc. This book is being translated into Kannada by Dr. Karunalakshmi, Asst. Hindi Professor, Mysuru and into English by Dr. Manik Bengeri's son Atul Bengeri, a Digital Strategist & SmartTech Specialist.

Kishore Kakade compered the event.

Medal winners of Natl. Art Contest

The medal-winning students are seen with Art Teachers K.S. Anitha and K.S. Anagha.

Mysuru, Feb. 5- The following students of Art Teacher K.S. Anitha, a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru, have excelled in the 18th National-level Students Art Competition-2025, conducted by Lalithakala Centre for Visual Arts, Bengaluru:

Medal Winners:

Colouring

Gold Medal - Parineethi Das (2nd std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School; Silver Medal - C.R. Sai Gaurav (2nd std.), Nirmala Public School.

Gold Medal - Advika Sushant Naik (3rd std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School; Silver Medal - Tanishka A. Nabha (3rd std.), St. Joseph's Central School.

Gold - S. Tanisha (4th std.), Nirmala Public School; Silver - S. Varidhi (4th std.), Podar International School.

Gold - P. Hardit (5th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School; Silver - K. Kushal (5th std.), St. Joseph's Central School; Bronze - D. Roshni (5th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School.

Gold - K. Lakshathi (6th std.), St. Joseph's Central School.

Gold - M.P. Dhruvan (8th std.), St. Joseph's School (CBSE); Silver - K. Chinmaye (10th std.), Manasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama and M. Pratheeksha (10th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School.

Pencil Shading

Gold - K.R. Shravya (5th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School; Silver - K. Chinmaye (10th std.), Manasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama.

Handwriting

Gold - D. Roshni (5th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School.

Gold - M. Pratheeksha (10th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School.

Kala Rathna Padak: Winners

Colouring: E. Gauthami (4th std.), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School.

Pencil Shading: M. Dhanvi (5th standard), Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School and K. Lakshathi (6th std.), St. Joseph's Central School.

Handwriting: M.P. Dhruvan (8th standard), St. Joseph's School (CBSE).

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- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
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- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Mankatha (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
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  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Mavuta (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Raktha Kashmira (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Draupathi 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Border 2 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Mardaani 3 (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Cult 2026 (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.30 pm; (S-2) 9.55 pm
Valavaara (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Mavuta (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Gandhi Talks (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Seat Edge (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru Part 2 (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Chowkidar (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Valathu Vashathe Kallan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	12.30 pm, 3.35 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm
Cult (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6.10 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm 7.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.50 pm 6.05 pm 10.30 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	9.10 am, 6.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.05 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	10.45 am, 3.35 pm, 10 pm
Shelter (E)	:	11.25 am, 7.45 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.30 pm, 10.25 pm
Mayasabha - The Hall of Illusion (H)	:	1.15 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	1.50 pm
Valavaara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	4.40 pm
Gandhi Talks (Silent)	:	5 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	10.10 pm
Chatha Pacha: The ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Border 2 (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm 3.50 pm 10.30 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.45 am, 3.35 pm, 6.55 pm
Send Help (E-2D)	:	9.50 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	7.30 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 4.45, 7.45 pm 10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm

Premier Open Group of Bharat Scouts & Guides celebrates 39th anniversary

Mysuru, Feb. 5 - The 39th anniversary of the Premier Open Group of The Bharat Scouts and Guides was held at Sri Jayachamarajendra Scouts and Guides District Headquarters in city recently.

The programme was inaugurated by Abdul Jameel, District Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mysuru, who delivered the inaugural address and highlighted the values, discipline, and service-oriented vision of the Scouts and Guides movement.

Ramprasad, District Organiser, Mysuru, delivered the keynote address.

On the occasion, the website of Premier Open Group, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mysuru District was launched.

The event was presided over by R.P. Chandru and P. Vishwanath, District Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides. Dr. K.B. Gurumurthy, District Treasurer and Abdul Jameel, District Secretary, were present on the dais along with other dignitaries.

Sharada Raju, Founder-Member, Amruthamma, District Commissioner — Guide Cub Wing and Pushpavalli, District Commissioner — Guide, were present.

As part of the programme, A.M. Shankar, G.S. Ravishankar, R.G. Girish, P. Chandru, B.G. Vishnuprasad, M.R. Sukhesh and Vasishta were honoured for their service and contributions to the Scouts and Guides movement.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 5)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2026, a grand display and sale of exquisite silk, cotton and handloom sarees, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Sanchalana Decennial Celebrations, folk songs by Namma Raga troupe; Staging of play 'Iddaga Nimdu Kaddaga Namdu' by Rangaratha, Bengaluru, directed by Aasif Kshathriya and Shwetha Srinivas, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** 39th Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana, Karnatak Classical Music Concert Series, vocal concert by Niranjan Dindodi, accompanied by Krithik Koushik on violin, Pranav Subrahmanya on mridanga and Dheemanth Bhat on ghata, Jayanagara Sri Rama Mandira, **6 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Death of a Salesman' in Kannada by students studying Diploma in Theatre (2025-26), originally written in English by Arthur Miller, translated to Kannada by K.S. Poornima and K.P. Vasudevan, costumes and make-up by Disha Ramesh, stage design by Megha Sameer, music and direction by Amith Reddy, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 6)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2026, a grand display and sale of exquisite silk, cotton and handloom sarees, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Santhe-2026:** A grand three-day flea market to reflect Mysuru's cultural charm, heritage, tourism, business spirit and pride — along with music, comedy, dance and entertainment, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 10 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Sanchalana Decennial Celebrations, film songs by Namma Raga troupe; Staging of play 'Yeraderadla Aidu' by Sanchalana Mysuru, directed by Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Srinivas, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 39th year's Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana, Karnatak Classical Music Concert Series, flute recital by C.S. Keshavachandra, accompanied by Tumkur Yashaswi on violin, S. Srivatsa on mridanga and Skanda Manjunath on ghata, Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **6 pm.**
- **Malini Nrityashale mattu Samskrutika Kendra, Bengaluru and Sri Malini Nrityashale:** Kanaka Purandara Namana - Dasavani by Harikatha Vidushi Dr. V. Malini; Felicitation to playback singer M. Nataraju, Renukadevi auditorium, Karaga Temple, Renukadevi Temple, Ittigegudu, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Border 2 (H)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm 6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.30 pm, 6.40 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Send Help (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	12.55 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru: Part 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.40 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	10.15 am, 6.55 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.40 pm, 5.05 pm 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Mavuta (K)	:	10.50 am
Border 2 (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.50 pm
Seat Edge (K)	:	1.45 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	4 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.25 pm
Vikalpa (K)	:	8 pm
Chatha Pacha: The Ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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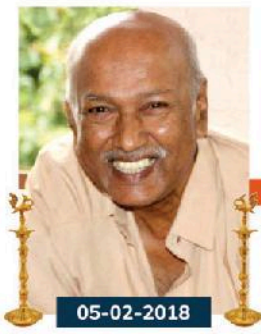

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You Departed for the heavenly abode on this day eight years ago. However the light of your love and simplicity shall always remain in our hearts.

We will always walk in the path you have shown us.

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